

Senate Bill 402

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to special license plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to create a free  
3 distinctive license plate for recipients of the Bronze Star; to provide for related matters; to  
4 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 special license plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by inserting a new Code  
9 section immediately following Code Section 40-2-68, relating to special license plates for  
10 Medal of Honor winners, to read as follows:

11 "40-2-68.1.

12 (a) Motor vehicle owners who have been awarded the Bronze Star and who are residents  
13 of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and  
14 licensing of motor vehicles, and after payment of all ad valorem taxes and other motor  
15 vehicle registration fees, shall be issued one distinctive personalized license plate free of  
16 charge. Such license plate shall be fastened to the rear of the vehicle. Such license plate  
17 shall be transferred to another vehicle as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. In the event  
18 of the death of the person who received the special license plate pursuant to this Code  
19 section, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing  
20 of motor vehicles, his or her surviving spouse may retain the special license plate and  
21 continue to display such plates on the vehicle.

22 (b) The commissioner may begin issuing distinctive personalized license plates to such  
23 Bronze Star winners for the year 2007 and thereafter.

24 (c) The commissioner is authorized and directed to design the license plate, establish  
25 procedures, and promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this Code  
26 section."

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1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.